



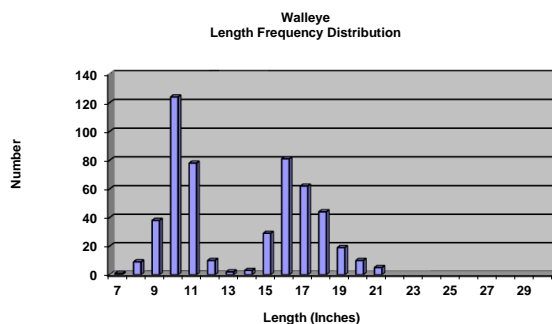
**WISCONSIN DNR  
FISHERIES INFORMATION SHEET  
SHELL LAKE, WASHBURN COUNTY, 2013**

The Department of Natural Resources conducted a fisheries assessment of Shell Lake, Washburn County, from May 10, 2013 to May 15, 2013.

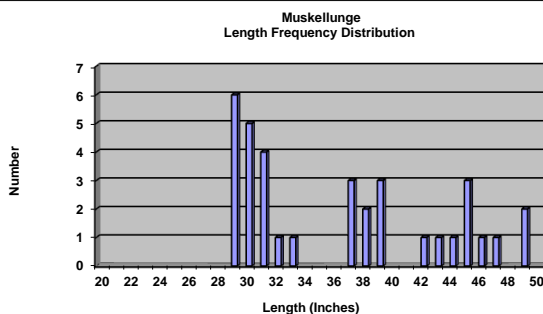
Shell Lake is a 2580 acre seepage lake with a maximum depth of 36 feet. The fishery includes muskellunge, panfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike and walleye. The walleye fishery is supported primary through natural reproduction and the muskellunge fishery is supported primary through stocking (see stocking history). The population for adult walleye is slightly below average for area lakes with similar characteristics, but there is a large number of juvenile walleye in the 9-12" range.



<b>Walleye</b>	
Total Captured	515
Avg. Length (in.)	13.5
Length Range (in.)	7-21.5
% >15"	49%



<b>Muskellunge</b>	
Total Captured	35
Avg. Length (in.)	36.3
Length Range (in.)	29-49
% >40"	29%



**Other Species**

Other species observed but not included in this report were bluegill, black crappie, largemouth bass, northern pike, smallmouth bass, and yellow perch.

We are also conducting a creel (angler harvest) survey on Shell Lake this year. Creel clerk Matt Kufahl will count and interview anglers and examine their catch throughout the fishing season.

**Stocking History**

Year	Species	Number Fish Stocked	Avg Fish Length (IN)
2002	MUSKELLUNGE	860	10
2002	MUSKELLUNGE	424	11
2004	MUSKELLUNGE	1,288	11
2007	MUSKELLUNGE	1,290	12
2009	MUSKELLUNGE	2,498	10
2011	MUSKELLUNGE	599	9
2011	MUSKELLUNGE	691	10

A brief summary of selected fishing regulations is included below. While the regulatory information provided was current at the time the surveys were conducted, it is not comprehensive and should not be used as a substitute for the current fishing regulation pamphlet. You may obtain a copy of current fishing regulations when you purchase your fishing license, or download a copy from our web site at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/fishing/regulations/>

**General Fishing Regulations for Shell Lake, Washburn County, 2013**

FISH SPECIES	OPEN SEASON	DAILY LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH
Walleye	May 04-March 02	3	NO MINIMUM
Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass	May 04-March 02	5	14" MINIMUM
Muskellunge	May 25-November 30	1	40" MINIMUM
Northern Pike	May 04-March 02	5	NO MINIMUM

This report is interim only; data and findings should not be considered final. Results of creel surveys should be available by June of the year following the survey. If you are interested in a summary of the creel survey or want an update on this year's fyke netting and electrofishing survey results contact:

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Reports from other northern Wisconsin fisheries surveys can be found at:  
<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/fishing/ceded/reports.html>